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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 28, 2005, the Honorable Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection of claims 1-9.

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9 as being obvious in view of the Cortner and Mowbray references. The Examiner acknowledges that Cortner does not show the use of a rigid tubular member while correctly pointing out that Mowbray does teach the use of a tubular support. The Examiner has completely overlooked, however, other limitations in the claims which readily distinguish applicant's invention over the prior art. In particular, all of claims 1-9 are limited by requiring **first and second** tie ropes, each of which is **secured** to and **extends** at

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